

In attempting to set forth the practical consequences of the success of this Order, the only difficulty I can experience, is in securing attention to the fact, that the Order is a blessing, not a curse. It is long blessed with internal tranquility; so large a proportion of our fellow-citizens have never had any other idea of internal dissension, than such as are derived from the contemplation of it at a distance; and the task is so difficult, and of rare accomplishment, to bring home to ourselves the condition of others, and realize in ourselves, the unhappiness to which they may be doomed: that he who attempts to set forth the Order, must begin with a conviction, that to a great extent, his argument may appear too highly colored; and even if not so considered, that its effect is by so much short of what it should be, as the inexperienced conjecture of evil, falls short of its reality. Yet in this case, it will be so easy to point out the evil consequences which must ensue; and these consequences will so clearly appear to be the result of the Order, but of a false nature, that I trust, I will not fail, in awakening all who may read this, to a just conception of the dangers, that in the operations of this Order, are at once imminent and concealed.

The responsibilities of a citizen are ap-
plied to be, under God, to his country. Where
is the responsibility of the members of this
Order? To the Grand Council, or its officers,
to what, whatever it may be; to their pledges;
and tell me, how can they be made to do
what they relate, and in what do they all
centre? The Order, and nothing outside of
the Order. If a member fails in his duty, or what
is so called by the Order, the sentence of ex-
clusion, suspension, and forfeiture must follow.
And this, too, is a degree of publicity,
and attended with circumstances, calculated to
create the strongest impressions on his mind,
who may be threatened with it. Who thus
assumes to govern? This Order. Who as-
serts the right to punish? This Order. To
twelve men, who represent the whole Order,
what purpose is punishment imposed? To
secure the implicit obedience of the member, is
the discharge of his public duties to the world
and of the Order as pronounced through
the Grand Council. Ask, then, those who
beyond the Government of the United States,
where we cannot breathe, however it
may deprive us of the right to boast of indi-

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9th. "Do you recognize the right of Congress to legislate and make appropriations for the improvement of our rivers and harbors?"

I do recognize the right—greatly deplore the Executive vetoes on this subject, and will use every means in my power for the passage of bills for the improvement of the rivers and harbors.

10th. "Are you in favor of such a change in our national laws, pertaining to the naturaliza-

GOOD ADVICE.—Guard against vanity. Never let it be a question whether this, or that opinion should attract attention to your person. Look only for the evidence—follow the light—and be content with the reflection, that you have deserved it, whether you have gained, or not, the approbation of your fellows. Wisdom will eventually be justified of all her children. The triumphs of vanity are short—those of truth everlasting.—Thornwell on Truth.

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